

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the abstract such that the results are as follows:

Abstract

~~A method of operating a delivery service is disclosed. A delivery service is operated using a method that~~ In accord with the method, the delivery service receives a mail piece addressed to an entity. The mail piece includes postage indicia indicating an initial value. The delivery service determines a cost for delivering the mail piece to the entity. The delivery service modifies the postage indicia to indicate a remaining value wherein the remaining value indicates the initial value reduced by the cost for delivering the mail piece. The delivery service delivers the mail piece to the entity. The entity presents the postage indicia to the delivery service and the delivery service compensates the entity for the remaining value of the postage indicia.